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A Message
From

Supervisor Auberger



Dear Friends:

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the latest issue of the Greece Reports Newsletter. Inside this issue you will find helpful information about all of the exciting things happening in our community.

As part of our continuous "go green" efforts, we have included the 2012 Yard Waste and Recycling Programs Brochure in this issue of the newsletter. This brochure outlines the Town's yard waste collection, composting, giveback and recycling programs. Please cut this section of the newsletter out and save for future reference.

The Town of Greece is proud to be a consistent leader in yard waste recycling. We continue to offer numerous innovative programs that protect our environment, increase the services we can offer our residents and reduce our expenses.

One of our most popular programs is our leaf composting facility. The Town of Greece is proud to be the first municipality in Monroe

County to have a composting site; our approach to composting has become a model that other communities have followed. We can all take pride in knowing that we return 100% of our yard waste back to the environment and our residents.

The success of our recycling efforts would not be possible without the support of our residents. Demand for wood chips and leaf compost is so popular that it often exceeds our supply. Additionally, the large number of residents who use our drop-off locations allows us to keep our leaf pick-up program on schedule and significantly reduces the cost associated with this program.

Once again, I hope you find this issue and the enclosed Yard Waste and Recycling Programs Brochure helpful. Please feel free to contact me at 225-2000 or www.greecenyny.gov with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

John T. Auberger
Supervisor

A Note From Our Chief

As I celebrated two years as Chief of the Greece Police Department I can say the officers and department have exceeded any and all of my expectations. I accepted my position with an agenda and objectives, and a leadership vision to motivate, mentor, guide, and empower people to make good and right decisions. The professionalism, character and work ethic of our tenured officers, and their knowledge and collective experience of the culture of Greece, are the ideal combination to mentor our new hires and ensure that our officers are the finest that Greece has put on watch.

In 730 days, our team advanced rapidly toward being the most trusted, professional, and well trained agency in the United States. Among our accomplishments are the establishments of:

A Canine Unit - Officer Hunter became the first canine officer since 2005. Our ultimate goal would be three canines, one for each shift. Ideally, one of the canines will be a bloodhound. As with any new initiative, any enhancement of the Canine Unit would be dependent on availability of funds in future budgets.

Department rifles - GPD is the first Monroe County Department to have rifles and all officers trained in their use.

The Police Chief's Interactive Committee - The committee members are active community members who support, promote and publicize Greece law enforcement.

Citizens' Police Academy - The academy has been revised to include a more comprehensive curriculum and has graduated two classes of informed citizens.

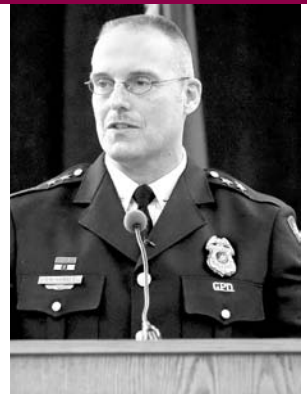
Teens, Crime & Community Officer - Officer Mary Beth Kowalski is actively involved with youth and community groups and recognized as a liaison with our neighborhood watch groups. Our Neighborhood Watch groups have grown to 32 in number.

Twenty-two years as an Army MP, 22 years with the Rochester Police Department, 19 as Commanding Officer of the SWAT Team - thus was the pattern of my being groomed for this chief's position. My lessons learned about patriotism, a sense of duty, and working for a cause are serving me well. Eleven years as a drill sergeant, the 1000 tactical plans for hostage, manhunt and high risk warrant service, the Bucky Phillips' manhunt - all were part of my transition to chief.

Your Chief,



Todd K. Baxter



New Greece Police Vehicle Design for 2012

The 2012 Greece Police Patrol Vehicle will feature a new make and model vehicle, as well as a new exterior design. For the first time since the early 90's the vehicle will not be a Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor as the Ford Motor Company has ended production of the vehicle.

As a result, the Greece Police Department formed a committee of officers to research and test new police vehicles for addition to the fleet in 2012. The research resulted in the selection of the Chevrolet Caprice PPV (Police Patrol Vehicle). We selected the vehicle based on performance, size and safety.

Some of the vehicle's features include -

- Eight dual stage passenger compartment air bags, head curtain air bags, knee and back protection and rollover protection
- Four wheel disc brakes with ABS
- Bolt on and off front end to reduce repair costs
- E85 flex fuel capability
- 120 power supply in trunk
- 6.0 L V8 engine, which should provide increased durability

The new exterior design will include a new vehicle color of charcoal gray with silver and white markings, at no additional cost. The word POLICE will appear in large print on the side of the vehicle with the words TOWN OF GREECE and the Greece Police Badge on the front doors.

New additions to the design include the American Flag on the fender and a September 11th, 2001 - Never Forget memorial on the back bumper. In a return to an old design the Greece Police Motto of *Serve, Guide, and Protect* will be written on the back fender.



TOWN RECEIVES DISTINCTIONS

Greece Police Department Achieves DWI Arrest Milestone

Supervisor John Auberger and Chief of Police Todd Baxter are pleased to announce that the Greece Police Department has achieved one of the highest annual percentage increases of DWI arrests in Monroe County for 2011.

"This achievement is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of the patrol officers of the First Platoon of the Greece Police Department and their commitment to keeping our streets free of irresponsible drivers," said Supervisor Auberger.

As a result of this achievement, the Greece Police Department was recognized at the 16th annual Monroe County STOP-DWI Program/Traffic Safety Board Awards luncheon on March 7. Chief Baxter proudly accepted the award on behalf of the entire Greece Police Department.

"DWI is a very serious and dangerous offense; hopefully this sends a message that it will not be tolerated in the Town of Greece," added Chief Baxter.

Town of Greece Receives Tree City USA Award for 15th Consecutive Year

Supervisor Auberger and the members of the Greece Town Board are pleased to announce that the Arbor Day Foundation has named the Town of Greece as a Tree City USA for its commitment to urban forestry. It is the fifteenth consecutive year the Town of Greece has received the award. The Town of Greece also received a Growth Award for 2011 for demonstrating progress in our community forestry plan.

"As always, it is an honor for the Town of Greece to be recognized as a Tree City USA," Supervisor Auberger said. "The trees we plant and care for today will increase property values, beautify our community, help to fight pollution, conserve energy and give wildlife a home for years to come. I am proud of the work we do in the Town of Greece to plant and provide needed care for the trees in our area."

In order to be named a Tree City USA, the Town of Greece met the necessary four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

As part of our 2012 Arbor Day ceremony we planted a tree in memory of James and Patricia DePinto, the Greece couple that was tragically killed by an alleged drunk driver in November 2011.

Jim worked at the Genesee Hospital as an administrator for 21 years before joining the Town of Greece in the Technical Services Department. He later worked at the University of Rochester and most recently at the Monroe County Water Authority. Patricia retired from the Greece Central School District after 30 years as a kindergarten teacher, most of which was spent at Paddy Hill Elementary School.

"Jim and Pat's lives were tragically cut short, this tree will forever remind us of their commitment to our community, their love for their family and their love for each other," said Supervisor Auberger.



Elvira DePinto, mother of James DePinto, addresses attendees at the annual Town of Greece Arbor Day Tree Planting.



Members of the DePinto and Trabold families help plant a tree in honor of James and Patricia DePinto.

FROM LARRY THE H2O HERO

WHAT IS A WATERSHED AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Simply said, a watershed is a drainage basin or area of land where water from rain, melting snow, and ice drains into a nearby water body. Watersheds include the streams or rivers that convey the water, as well as the land surface from which the water drains. In a sense, it acts as a large funnel, collecting rainwater from an extensive surface area and concentrating it into one location.

It is important to care about watersheds because as water flows over land, it collects soil, pet wastes, fertilizers, pesticides, oils, and other pollutants which then flow to a nearby waterway. Runoff from your yard flows down your street into a ditch or storm drain, directly into a neighborhood pond or stream, before it eventually reaches Lake Ontario. This runoff can carry damaging and polluting chemicals with it.

Be an H2O Hero! You can protect everyone's water quality when you make wise, environmentally friendly decisions, such as using less toxic lawn care products and properly disposing potentially damaging chemical and electronic wastes. Better water quality means a cleaner Lake Ontario, safer drinking water and a safer environment for you and your family.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Genesee River Basin covers 2,700 square miles, and all the runoff from that watershed will pass through the 500 foot wide channel between the piers at Charlotte!
- A single quart of motor oil dumped down a storm drain can create a two acre oil-slick!

For more information about local storm water pollution and what you can do to reduce it, visit www.H2OHero.org and become a fan of Larry the H2O Hero on Facebook at www.facebook.com/larrytheH2Ohero!

A message from The Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County and the Water Education Collaborative.

Supervisor Auberger's
Summer Concert Series



*Greece Performing Arts Society
Symphony
Sunday, July 8*



*Greece Performing Arts Society
Jazz Band
Sunday, July 22*

*Greece Performing Arts Society
Choral Society
Sunday, August 5*

 All concerts begin at 2:00 p.m.
at Greece Town Hall,
under the Town Tent.


16th Annual Notable Garden Tour
"Neighbors and Neighborhoods"

<p>Saturday June 16, 2012 10 am to 4 pm rain or shine</p> <p>Tickets \$13 GPAS Members \$15 Advance until 6/15 \$20 Day-of-tour</p>		<p>Seven Wonderful Gardens with light refreshments, live music, and artistic surprises</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>The Garden Market at the Greece Historical Society with a perennial plant sale, garden treasures, and vendors</p>
<p>A Two-Acre Garden Park on Burnitt Road</p> <p>A Spiffy Suburban Garden on Sweet Acres Drive</p> <p>An Elegant Water Garden on Cherry Creek Lane</p> <p>A Garden for Good Times on Mandarin Drive</p>	<p>A Modern Farm House and Garden on Quesada Road</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Return to a Forest Glade on Quesada Drive</p> <p>Five Garden Club Gardens at the Greece Historical Society Lakeside Garden Club, Lakeview Garden Club, Thyme in the Garden, Shorewood Garden Club, and Woodside Garden Club 595 Long Pond Road</p>	

Don't miss "the social event of the season"
FOR MORE INFORMATION and TICKET VENUES
visit www.greeceperformingarts.org or call (585)234-5636

The Greece Performing Arts Society sponsors the Greece Symphony Orchestra, Greece Choral Society, Greece Concert Band, Greece Community Orchestra, Greece Jazz Band and the Young Artists' Competition. The GPAS is one of the longest established community arts groups in NYS. Funding comes from membership, business donations, special fundraising events, and the Town of Greece.

2012 Town of Greece Brush Collection Instructions and Schedule:

BRUSH PROGRAM

The Town offers residential brush collection on a year-round basis, and will follow the schedule shown on the accompanying map. **Trees, brush, and stumps generated from lot clearing and commercial enterprises will not be picked up.** The Town also permits residents to dispose of their residential brush at the Yard Waste Management Facility, 635 Flynn Road, Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.; Saturday - Sunday, 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

When putting out brush for collection, please follow these procedures:

- **Have the brush at curbside by Monday morning of your scheduled week. This will help to ensure that you will not be skipped.**
- Cut all brush, limbs or trees to a length no greater than 4'.
- Tree stumps "may" be picked up if they are reasonably free of dirt and rocks.
- **Do not** mix any metal, rocks, dirt, lumber, concrete, or other foreign debris in with the brush.
- **Do not** pile the brush under overhead wires of any kind, keep all brush piles away from telephone poles, fire hydrants, guide wires, low tree limbs, plants, and guidrails.
- **Do not** place yard debris and/or brush in, or near waterways and ponds.
- Place the material parallel to the road, neatly and uniformly, so as not to block the road, sidewalk, or another property.

In order to keep on schedule, it is essential that residents follow these procedures. Any brush which does not meet regulations may not be picked up on the regular schedule, or may not be picked up at all. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 225-4590.

CONTRACTORS

All tree service firms which work in the Town must be registered with the Town Clerk. Any tree service or landscaping firm that does work in the Town is responsible for disposing of all brush, limbs, and stumps. The Town will not pick up material generated by contractors. Additionally, contractors are not permitted to use any of the Town's drop-off sites for materials generated by their work.

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an Asian beetle that attacks all species of ash trees. While the EAB has not yet been found in the Town of Greece, it has been found within Monroe County. As a result, the Town of Greece is located within the quarantine expansion area. New York State has placed a restriction on the movement of any part of ash trees including branches, leaves and bark, ash lumber, or any item made from ash. There is also a restriction on the movement of firewood from any tree species. Your cooperation in observing these restrictions can help prevent the spread of the EAB. For more information, visit the EAB page at our website at www.greeceny.gov/eab.

GIVE-BACK PROGRAM

WOOD CHIPS AND LEAF COMPOST

The Yard Waste Management Facility, 635 Flynn Road, is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for residents wanting wood chips or leaf compost. Residents must bring their own container. The DPW may also provide truck load delivery of wood chips or leaf compost as its schedule permits.

Request forms for truckload deliveries are available on the Town's website, or you can fill one out in person at the Department of Public Works, 647 Long Pond Road. If you are unfamiliar with these products, it is strongly recommended that you view samples at the Department of Public Works before making a request. For additional information, please call 225-4590.

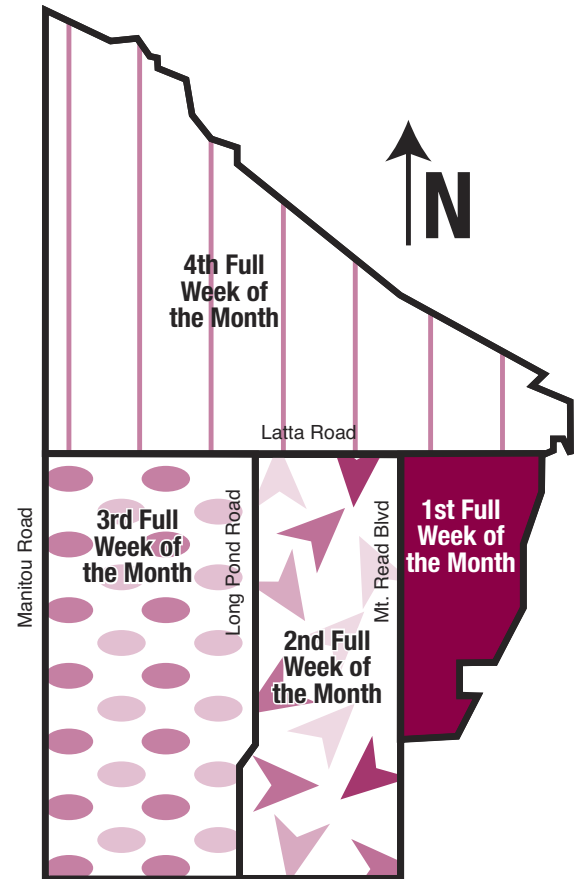
Wood chips produced by our state-of-the-art grinder are high quality and great for all your landscaping projects. Demand for the wood chips is high, and it is recommended that you make your request for this product early in the Spring.

There is no charge for wood chips or leaf compost. If either is unavailable, we will hold onto your request until it is once again available.

STONE

The Town may also offer stone which is swept up from the "chip seal" program. This product is not delivered, but may be available at the Yard Waste Management Facility, 635 Flynn Road, at no charge. Call the Department of Public Works, 225-4590, to check on availability after July 1.

Each month the Town will provide curbside brush collection according to the following weekly schedule:



2012 Town of Greece Leaf Collection Instructions and Schedule

LEAF PROGRAM

This year, from October 8th through December 7th the Town will pick up leaves. The accompanying map outlines the dates for collection in your area, and is based on a 2-week rotation schedule. Depending on the need and weather conditions, the Town will add an additional rotation after December 7th. The program calls for residents to place leaves into **paper bags** to be collected by the Department of Public Works.

An alternative to **paper bags** is the use of 30-gallon garbage cans with handles provided that (1) the container does not weigh more than 50 lbs. and (2) the container is tagged or identified in such a way that crews will know it contains leaves. Experience has shown that, particularly on refuse collection day, it is very difficult to know what is in the container. While it is recognized that the use of containers is an alternative, residents are reminded that once frozen, the containers may be susceptible to damage.

Another alternative is for residents to dispose of their own leaves at one of the Town's drop-off sites. The five sites, identified on the map to the left are: (A) the Yard Waste Management Facility, 635 Flynn Road, (B) Barnard Park, 410 Maiden Lane, (C) Carter Park, 1281 Long Pond Road, (D) George Badgerow Park South, 1120 Latta Road, and (E) Basil A. Marella Park, 975 English Road. The sites will be open throughout the leaf program. The drop-off site locations will be identifiable by a snowfence. The Yard Waste Management Facility has signs indicating the leaf drop-off site. No plastic bags, brush, or containers are to be left at any site.

Composting leaves is the most effective and environmentally sound method of leaf disposal, and the Town of Greece is pleased to be the first municipality in Monroe County to have a composting site. All of the leaf compost produced at the North Greece site is returned to Town residents free of charge.

Please follow these procedures for leaf collection services:

- **Plastic bags cannot be picked up.**
- Place your **paper bags** at curbside on the evening before your scheduled collection day to minimize breakage.
- Please keep rocks, cans, glass, branches, etc. out of your bags. This material will interfere with composting.
- Please identify covered containers of leaves, or keep the cover off.

WASTE OIL

On the second Saturday of each month the Town Department of Public Works is open for residents to bring in used waste oil. Between 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. residents can bring up to five (5) gallons of used oil to the DPW facility, 647 Long Pond Road. **Other liquids, such as antifreeze and gasoline cannot be accepted.**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

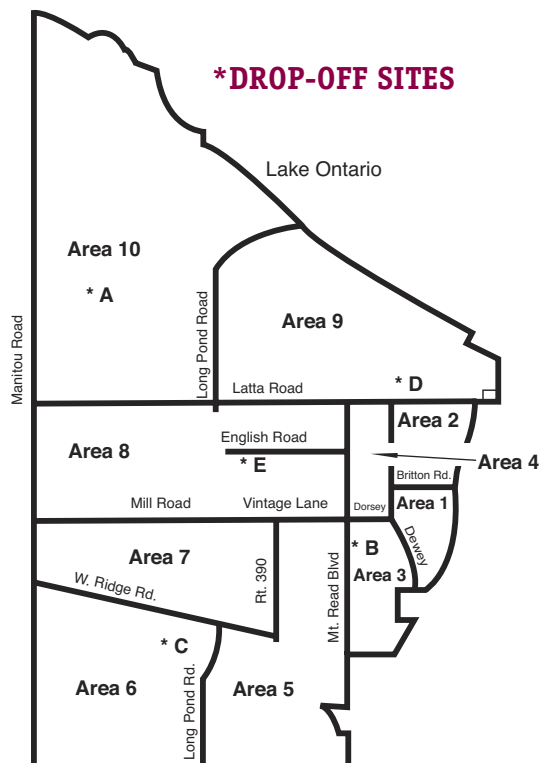
Monroe County offers free, safe disposal of unwanted household chemicals. Materials are accepted by appointment only on specific collection days. When calling, please be prepared to describe the type of materials and quantities of each. You will receive directions, reuse options, and instructions for transporting your materials safely after scheduling your drop-off appointment. Call 753-7600, option 3, Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., or visit www.monroecounty.gov/hhw to schedule an appointment.

CONCRETE

The Town will pick up small amounts of waste concrete generated by the homeowner. **Concrete spoils generated by a contractor must be disposed of by the contractor.** There is not a regular schedule for curbside collection of waste concrete, and pick up occurs at the Town's discretion. Once the material is placed at the curb, call 225-4590 to get listed for collection. If you are not sure what is acceptable, **please call first** and a representative will be able to advise you.

2012 COLLECTION DATES:

Area 1:	Area 2:	Area 3:	Area 4:	Area 5:
Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26
Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9
Nov 21	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
Area 6:	Area 7:	Area 8:	Area 9:	Area 10:
Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 16	Nov 19	Nov 20
Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7



DID YOU KNOW?

- **If a problem occurs with your sewer the town provides free sewer inspections.** If you ever have a problem with your sewer, please be sure to call the Department of Public Works (225-4590) FIRST. We can usually determine whether or not a plumber is necessary and we can often solve the problem at no cost to you.
- **Most work done within the Town Right-of-Way requires a "Highway Permit."** The Right-of-Way is measured from the center of the road, and, usually extends 25 to 30 feet in both directions. Driveway installations, curbing and edging, lawn sprinklers, invisible fencing, and landscape installations are some examples of the types of work which would require a permit. Mailbox installations typically do not require a permit if only a post and box are to be installed. More elaborate installations may require review.
- **Before you or your contractor perform any work within the Right-of-Way, you are required to obtain a permit.** For more information about the "Highway Permit" process, please call 225-4590.
- Weather permitting, each January we will pick up Christmas trees placed at the curbside for collection. They can also be dropped off at our Flynn Road site during the hours of operation. **Plastic bags must be removed from trees.**

A LETTER FROM YOUR COUNCILPERSON



1st Ward Councilwoman
Shannon O'Keefe



2nd Ward Councilman
Brett Granville



3rd Ward Councilman
Andrew Conlon



4th Ward Councilman
Kirk Morris

Greece Public Library Renovations Update

The members of the Greece Town Board would like to thank you for your patience as renovations continue at the Greece Public Library on Vince Tofany Boulevard. Renovations are ongoing with an anticipated completion of early June 2012.

The renovation project is part of the Town's ongoing commitment to provide the best services and amenities to our residents. This project includes renovation to create a larger program room within the library, an expanded teen area, additional quiet areas and a new area for the Friends of the Greece Public Library Secondhand Prose Bookstore.

Our goal is to provide Greece residents with the best experience possible when visiting the Greece Public

Library. This renovation project will allow us to expand our services offered and increase participation in library programs.

Renovations completed to date include: the installation of new carpeting throughout the library, relocation of the book collection area, new window cutouts and window installation for the new program room, installation of the moveable dividing wall in the new program room and construction of the entrance to the new Secondhand Prose Bookstore.

To follow the progress of the renovations to the Greece Public Library, visit www.greecepubliclibrary.blogspot.com. For more information about the Greece Public Library log on to www.greecelibrary.org or call 225-8951.



BEFORE: The old carpet at the Greece Public Library



AFTER: The new carpet at the Greece Public Library



New windows and entrance for the new program room at the Greece Public Library



The new and improved Quiet Reading Area inside the Greece Public Library

Monroe County Ecopark Open for One-Stop Recycling and Recovery Drop-Off

Monroe County is pleased to be able to expand its environmental protection efforts with the newly opened Ecopark, located at 10 Avion Drive. The Ecopark is a partnership between Monroe County and Waste Management of NY to provide county residents with a central, one-stop drop-off location to recycle and properly dispose of items that may be harmful to the environment.

Formerly a Waste Management transfer station, the Ecopark has been repurposed to provide an indoor, supervised facility for residents to manage a multitude of materials in an environmentally friendly way.

Regular collections occur Wednesday thru Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Acceptable items include regular household recyclables, eWaste (computers, printers, TVs, video gaming systems, fluorescent lights, etc.), scrap metal (including appliances without refrigerant), clothing, used cooking oil, sneakers, sharps/syringes, documents for shredding, empty prescription bottles and propane tanks. Residents must be able to unload their own vehicles at regular collection drop-offs.

Special collections are held a few times per month. Acceptable items include pharmaceutical waste, tires (\$3 each), refrigerant-containing appliances (\$15 each) and various household hazardous wastes (HHW). Appointments are required for HHW collection; applicable fees must be paid via credit/debit cards. Monroe County staff will be on hand to unload any HHW from vehicles.

Be sure to check out the newest feature on the Ecopark website, the Ecopark Prospector. This tool provides residents with environmentally-responsible ideas for various items not handled at the Ecopark, in addition to offering supplemental drop-off locations for items that are accepted at the Ecopark.

For more information, appointment instructions and directions to the facility, log on to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark or call (585) 753-7600, option #3.



10 Avion Drive - 14624



HOURS OF OPERATION

Drop-off for Monroe County Residents Only

Regular Collections (No Fee)

Wednesday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Closed Holidays)

- Electronic Waste
- Appliances (without CFC/Freon)
- Compost Give-Back (Seasonal)
- Paper & Cardboard
- Document Destruction
- Recyclable Glass/Metal/Plastic Containers
- Printer Cartridges
- Clean Styrofoam Packing
- Propane Tanks – 1#&20#
- Bulky Plastic Items
- Cooking Oil/Grease
- Fluorescent Lights
- Sharps & Syringes
- Sneakers
- Clothing
- Scrap Metal
- Empty Prescription Bottles

Special Collections

The following will be accepted on select dates.

Visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark for schedule.

- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) – Appointment Required (No Fee)
- Pharmaceutical & Medication Disposal (No Fee)
- Regular Collection Items – Listed Above (No Fee)
- Recycling Fee Items – Passenger Vehicle Tires (\$3 each), and Appliances Containing CFC/Freon (\$15 each). Waste Management only accepts credit/debit cards for payment.

Visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark or call

(585) 753-7600 (Option #3) for more information.



GREECE POLICE DEPARTMENT
400 ISLAND COTTAGE ROAD
ROCHESTER, NY 14612
(585) 865-9200

Chief Todd Baxter

The Town of Greece Police Department has partnered with the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services to provide residents an opportunity to dispose of unwanted pharmaceutical wastes. This may include controlled substances, out dated, unwanted, over the counter medications or any pharmaceutical waste that is no longer needed, wanted or has passed it's expiration date.



Please **DO NOT** flush your medication down the toilet.

Disposing of your Pharmaceutical waste properly protects our environment and decreases the chance of misuse.

You can drop off your old or unused prescription medications at:

Greece Police Department

400 Island Cottage Road (off Latta Road)

2nd Wednesday of every month from 9:00am – 12 noon

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

These collection events are for residential pharmaceutical wastes ONLY. Pharmacies, veterinarians or any other pharmaceutical business wastes will not be accepted.

Privacy issue: The medications and containers will be incinerated under the supervision of Law Enforcement. You may block out any personal information on containers.

Sponsored by:



Maggie Brooks
County Executive



Patrick M. O'Flynn
SHERIFF



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ENERGY
for a cleaner world

Unity Hospital Expansion Progressing

In February 2010, the Town of Greece Planning Board approved a four year, \$158 million expansion project to Unity Hospital on Long Pond Road. If you've driven by the hospital recently, you've probably noticed the large crane that is being used to add a fourth floor to the hospital.

The crane measures 169' in height and 362' in length, and will be standing for approximately 18 months. Town of Greece Technical Services' staff thoroughly researched national codes in order to set a standard to be met for safe operation of the crane prior to its assembly. To ensure safety of patients, staff and visitors of the hospital, crane controls are limited to a mapping program to assure that loads do not pass over high-traffic areas such as parking lots and exits. The crane must also be inspected daily by the operator and monthly by a third party special inspector.

Overall progress on the expansion is at about 40-45% and moving steadily along. Construction on the new cafeteria is nearing completion with an anticipated opening date of late May or early June 2012. This new facility will serve hospital staff and visitors to the campus. Structural steel for the fourth floor is nearly complete, while crews recently started framing for the exterior walls.

Anticipated completion for the entire expansion is slated for July 2014. This project will have a lasting impact on our community with the addition of approximately 265 jobs upon completion. We are so fortunate to have an organization like Unity committed to the Town of Greece.



The 169' tall, 362' long crane being used for the Unity Hospital expansion project.

Town of Greece Receives High Marks from Insurance Services Office (ISO)

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an independent statistical, rating and advisory organization serving the property and casualty insurance industry. Through its comprehensive program called the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS), the ISO helps distinguish communities with effective building-code adoption and enforcement.

The ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule collects information on a community's building code adoption and enforcement services, and analyzes the data before assigning a Building Code Effectiveness Classification on a scale of 1 to 10. A Class 1 grade represents exemplary commitment to building code adoption and enforcement.

The strength of building codes and enforcement of building codes varies by community; not all communities have strict building codes, nor do all communities enforce their codes rigorously. Communities with well-enforced and up-to-date codes demonstrate better loss experience and their resident's insurance rates often reflect that.

The ISO recently conducted a BCEGS survey in the Town of Greece that resulted in a Class 3 grading for 1 and 2 family dwellings and a Class 2 grading for all other construction. In addition to improving its overall score from five years ago, the Town of Greece scored significantly higher than the average of other jurisdictions surveyed statewide and nationwide in the BCEGS survey.

DPW Crews Stay Busy Despite Mild Winter

Mother Nature may have given us one of the mildest winters in recent memory, but that doesn't mean Town of Greece Department of Public Works crews weren't busy.

Thanks in large part to the unusually slow plowing and salting season, DPW crews were able to take on jobs typically left for the spring and summer months. Various drainage improvements were able to be completed, both in stream corridors and rear yards. Crews are usually unable to work on these jobs during winter months due to the cold temperatures and snow cover.

Forestry crews were able to trim trees and clear brush from inside Town parks, and around Town

facilities and detention ponds. Litter sweeps that are typically saved for spring clean-up were conducted regularly along roadsides and in Town parks.

In addition, a street light inventory was conducted town wide. This is important because the Town pays for street lights if they are out of service or cycling, so we need to make sure all street lights are functioning properly. If you know of a street light that is out in your neighborhood, please call RG&E at 428-5990.

We're so fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled workforce at our Department of Public Works!

New Restroom Facility Added to Basil Marella Park

The Town of Greece is proud to have a diverse system of parks, trails and open spaces that provide our residents with a variety of outdoor activities. Basil Marella Park on English Road exemplifies this better than any other park in our system.

At 102 acres, Basil Marella Park boasts two basketball courts, two lighted volleyball courts, six lighted tennis courts, six soccer fields, a lighted multi-use field and an 18-hole disc golf course, in addition to a skate park, bike path, fitness trail, playground and picnic shelter. As one of the most visited parks in town, this park was in need of a new bathroom facility as it had outgrown the previous facility.

Opening this year will be a new, 850 square foot facility that has 8 stalls, 4 of which are handicap accessible, a vending area and a drinking fountain. The new facility was designed to better accommodate the large crowds that often visit Basil Marella Park during the summer months.

We are pleased to be able to provide our residents with the best services and amenities possible. Be sure to checkout the new restroom facility when you visit Basil Marella Park this year. For more information on Basil Marella Park, or any other Town of Greece Park, visit www.greecenyny.gov/parks.



The new restroom facility at Basil Marella Park has 8 single stall bathrooms.

A Friendly Reminder from the Town of Greece

The Town of Greece would like to remind residents of the Dog Ordinance section of the Greece Town Code, specifically the section that addresses the disposal of dog feces.

All dog owners are required to remove any dog waste deposited on public property including sidewalks, playgrounds, parks, or any public place where people congregate or walk. Dog owners are also required to remove feces from private property unless otherwise permitted by the owner of the property. Service dogs are exempt from the provisions of this section of

the Greece Town Code while accompanying a visually impaired person.

All dog feces must be properly disposed of in a designated trash receptacle; disposal of feces in a sewer drain is prohibited. Animal waste is a common pollutant in groundwater and water runoff, not properly disposing of it can increasingly harm our waterways.

For more information, or to access a different section of the Greece Town Code, please visit www.greecenyny.gov/towncode.

Town-Owned Lands FAQs

What are Town-Owned Lands?

The Town of Greece owns many parcels of land that are adjacent to privately owned property. These public lands serve a variety of purposes and include the following types of land:

- Open Space/Conservation Areas
- Wetlands – including creeks and streams
- Floodplains
- Retention and Detention Ponds
- Parks and Playgrounds
- Rights of Way for streets or for access to municipal facilities
- Buildings for town services and the grounds surrounding them

What actions are prohibited on these parcels?

The following are prohibited:

- Littering or the depositing of any waste materials
- Filling and excavation
- Placement or construction of any structures
- Cutting and clearing of any type
- Planting gardens, grass or extension of lawn areas
- Operation of motorized vehicles
- Hunting

What can these lands be used for?

If Town-owned lands are respected and used properly they can serve the purposes for which they were intended. Many of our publicly owned lands are specifically for passive and active recreation and are posted clearly to that affect. Many of our lands are meant strictly for drainage or wetlands, to promote habitat and vegetation as well as for municipal operations.

What are my responsibilities if I own property adjacent to Town-Owned lands?

Know the boundaries of your property and the purposes of the Town-Owned land adjacent to you. Respect and protect these lands by not encroaching upon them. Realize that any misuse of these properties will be considered trespassing and will require action on the part of the Town.

How can I report any suspicious activity on these parcels?

Contact the Department of Constituent Services at 225-2000 during business hours or dial 911. All reports will remain confidential.



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GREECE HAPPENINGS



NYS Senator Joe Robach and Town of Greece Chief of Staff Jeff McCann with Greece residents at the St. Patrick's Day Party for Seniors at the Greece Community & Senior Center.



*Members of the 2012 Youth Hall of Fame, Top Left: Superintendent of Schools Barbara Deane-Williams, Supervisor John Auberger, CJ Cordaro, Matt Deegan, Danielle Mueller, Isaiah Kapenda, Patrick Salone, Jack Henderson, Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks, Youth Hall of Fame Co-Chair Ralph DeStephano, Youth Hall of Fame Co-Chair Rhett VanScooter
Bottom Left: Jordan Frazier, Victoria Roman, Pierre Holmes, Ashley Pieniaszek, Lindsay Appleman*